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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. WE HAVE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR THOUGHTS CONTAINED
REFTEL. THEY REVEAL NOT UNEXPECTEDLY THAT YOU AND WE
ARE ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH AND I SEE ONLY TWO TOPICS
IN YOUR LIST THAT CALL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION: ECONOMIC
AID AND THE OPIUM POPPY BAN. SUBJECT TO MY COMMENTS
BELOW ON THESE TWO TOPICS, WE CONCUR IN YOUR PROPOSED
APPROACH TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT. WE WILL BE INTERESTED,
OF COURSE, IN YOUR PLANS FOR PRESENTATION, E.G., DO YOU
HAVE IN MIND A TOUR D'HORIZON WITH THE NEW PRIME MINISTER
COVERING THESE TOPICS AND WHAT IS YOUR SENSE OF TIMING
FOR THAT CONVERSATION? ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE
YOU AND YOUR STAFF ON YOUR PERCEPTIVE REPORTING OF THE
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POLITICAL SITUATION AS TURKEY HAS HEADED TOWARD THIS

CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

2. FUTURE U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: YOUR VIEWS AS TO
HANDLING THE FUTURE OF REGULAR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ARE

VERY CLOSE TO OUR OWN. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU BE
CAREFUL TO AVOID LEAVING AN IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS
REALLY VERY MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
TURKEY MAY HAVE AS A RESULT OF SKYROCKETING OIL PRICES
AND THE THREATENED RETURN OF WORKERS FROM GERMANY. WHILE
I RECOGNIZE THE NEED NOT TO CLOSE THE AID DOOR FIRMLY
AT A TIME LIKE THIS, AND CERTAINLY WE WILL NOT WISH TO
APPEAR INSENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS OF OTHERS, IT SEEMS
TO ME THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE CAN OR WILL
COME TO THE RESCUE IF THE UNCERTAINTIES OVER WORKERS
REMITTANCES ARE REALIZED AND HIGH OIL PRICES ARE
SUSTAINED. WITH PLANNING LEVELS FOR FY 75 IN THE 10 AND
20 MILLION DOLLAR RANGE THERE IS NO WAY THAT AID CAN
MAKE THE CAPITAL TRANSFER RELEVANT TO THE SIZE OF THE
PROBLEM. FURTHERMORE, THIS WHOLE QUESTION OF THE IMPACT
OF OIL PRICES ON LCD'S AS WELL AS ON INDUSTRIALIZED
NATIONS IS ONE WHICH WILL REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF
SERIOUS EXAMINATION WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT.

3. OPIUM POPPY BAN: DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN YOUR
APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 3F. YOU HAVE COUCHED THIS PROPOSAL
IN TERMS OF RESPONDING TO ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT BAN BE
LIFTED. AS OF THE MOMENT, I BELIEVE THIS IS CORRECT.
I HAVE JUST SEEN ANKARA 602 REPORTING A NEWSPAPER STORY
THAT THE PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE TWO COALITION PARTNERS
WILL INCLUDE RESUMPTION OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION.
DEPENDING ON WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE COMING DEBATE OF
THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM IN THE PARLIAMENT, WE WILL
HAVE TO RETHINK HOW TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM -- A PROBLEM
THAT WILL ALSO HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR ECONOMIC AID
PROGRAM. I ANTICIPATE THAT YOU WILL BE MAKING ADDITIONAL
RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHEN AND HOW TO APPROACH THE GOT. KISSINGER

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